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**Certification for a
Complaint to the Washington State Public Disclosure Commission Relating to an
Elected Official or Candidate for Public Office
(Notary Not Required)**

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the facts set forth in this attached complaint are true and correct.

Your signature: Erin M Dziedzic

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Date Signed: 3/20/06

Place Signed (City and County): Seattle King
City County

*RCW 9A.72.040 provides that: "(1) A person is guilty of false swearing if he makes a false statement, which he knows to be false, under an oath required or authorized by law. (2) False swearing is a misdemeanor."

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March 9, 2006

Mr. Phil Stutzman
Public Disclosure Commission
711 Capitol Way #206
Olympia, WA 98504-0908

Dear Mr. Stutzman:

Please accept this letter as a formal complaint regarding Michael Hope, an officer with the Seattle Police Department, and a candidate for the state house in the 44th legislative district.

Last month Mr. Hope sent out a campaign mailer paid for by his campaign which included a picture of him in his full police officer uniform sitting with a group of children.

An inquiry to the Seattle Police Department (SPD) yielded the following information.

The SPD has a uniform allowance for all officers. When an officer is first hired he or she receives additional money in their first paycheck to pay for uniform expenses. On the anniversary of the hire date the officer receives additional money in his paycheck to reimburse for on going uniform expenses. Officers are given this money without having to fill out a reimbursement form. Every officer in the SPD receives this money to pay for their uniform as well as a cleaning allowance for the upkeep of the uniforms.

Given this information, the uniform Mike Hope was wearing in the picture on the campaign mailing was paid for by taxpayer's money and is thus a violation of RCW 42.17.130 that states in part:

No elective official nor any employee of his office nor any person appointed to or employed by any public office or agency may use or authorize the use of any of the facilities of a public office or agency, directly or indirectly, for the purpose of assisting a campaign for election of any person to any office or for the promotion of or opposition to any ballot proposition. Facilities of public office or agency include, but are not limited to, use of stationery, postage, machines, and equipment, use of employees of the office or agency during working hours, vehicles, office space, publications of the office or agency, and clientele lists of persons served by the office or agency.

Mr. Hope violated Public Disclosure law by using his official Seattle Police Department equipment, (uniforms, badges, etc...) to assist his campaign for election to public office.

I have attached the mailer sent out by Mr. Hope's campaign and request the Public Disclosure Commission to investigate this matter and issue a formal complaint against these violations of state law. I appreciate your immediate consideration.

Sincerely,

Erin Dziedzic